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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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TO :

SUBJECT: Cornerstone Ceremony

1. It is a particular pleasure for me to announce that on 3 November 1959 the President laid the Cornerstone of our new building at Langley.

2. In addition to being honored by the President's participation, we were fortunate in having some 500 distinguished guests, both from Government and private life. All told, an estimated 5,000 people attended the Ceremony which was open to all employees as well as the general public. The President and I were joined on the stand by General Cabell and Colonel White from the Agency, and by the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Under Secretary of State, the Administrator of General Services, Congressman Broyhill, Admiral Souers, and Mrs. William J. Donovan. The Ceremony, which lasted just over fifteen minutes, went off extremely well and we were favored with a beautiful, crisp autumn day.

3. In order that all of our employees overseas may share with me some appreciation of this memorable event, we are sending you with this dispatch one or more packets of material on the Ceremony, consisting of the program, the President's remarks, my remarks, the Invocation and Benediction, and a selection of pictures and press clippings. Please be sure that every employee has an opportunity to see these materials. We are holding here enough of these packets so that each employee now overseas may be given a souvenir copy on his return to headquarters.

4. This event is one of the real milestones toward completion of our new "home." The builders are now making splendid progress, and we expect to occupy the building in late 1961.

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ALLEN W. DULLES
Director

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